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ITEMS 4, 6 AND 14D AS WELL AS 7

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SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS REPORTING IN REFTELS ON PAST WEEK'S SESSIONS OF CONTACT GROUP ON AGENDA ITEMS 4, 6 AND 14C (WITH ITEM 7 SINCE ADDED). MESSAGE COVERS CONTINUING ATMOSPHERICS OF G-77 ATTITUDES, TACTICS AND AUTOMATIC RESISTANCE TO PROPOSALS OF OTHER GROUPS; CONTINUING PROBLEM OF REFERENCES TO IMPLEMENTING NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION; "COMPROMISE" ON PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PROGRAM OF ACTION BY 58TH ECOSOC; US PROPOSALS ON MID-TERM REVIEW, MOSTLY REJECTED BY G-77; CERTAIN PROPOSALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES; CHINESE BLAST AT SOVIETS; AND JORDAN'S MAVERICK DIVERSION. DN SUMMARY  
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1. TO SUMMPLMENT OUR REPORTING IN REFTELS ON  
"PROGRESS" OF GROUP OF 77 DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION  
ON AGENDA ITEMS 4, 6 AND 14C (PLAN OF ACTION,  
1975 SPECIAL SESSION, AND DD II MID-TERM REVIEW), WE  
WISH TO RECORD A FEW ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS ON INTER-  
MINABLE DEBATES THIS PAST WEEK IN CONTACT GROUP

SESSIONS.

2. PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN FOR G-77 CONTINUED TO BE  
BRITO (BRAZIL), WITH ONLY OCCASIONAL INPUTS FROM  
PAKISTAN AND INDIA. BRITO CONTINUED TO NETTLE WESTERN  
REPS IN PARTICULAR WITH HIS CONDESCENSION AND  
SARCASM. WE HEAR SOME MEMBERS OF G-77 ARE DISTRESSED  
OVER HIS COMPORTMENT, AS WELL AS A COUPLE OF INEXCUSABLY  
TESTY INTERRUPTIONS BY HIS AMBASSADOR (FRAZAO), WHO  
ATTENDED ONLY OCCASIONALLY.

3. MORE IMPORTANT IS AUTOMATICALLY NEGATIVE REACTION  
BY G-77 (GENERALLY EXPRESSED BY BRITO) TO VITUALLY  
EVERY SUGGESTION BY MEMBERS OF OTHER GROUPS, WHETHER A  
MINOR OR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN G-77 DRAFT OR A SUG-  
GESTED ADDITIONAL CONCEPT. NEGATIVE ARGUMENTS, WHEN  
LACKING SUBSTANCE, RAN TO TRANSPARENT INCONSISTENCIES  
AND SUCH PAP AS "DESTROYING THE BALANCE" OF THE  
RESOLUTION, ADDING EXTRANEIOUS MATTER, OR DEPARTING  
FROM ALLEGEDLY HALLOWED LANGUAGE OF SOME OTHER  
PRONOUNCEMENT. MOST SUGGESTIONS OF BOTH WEO'S AND  
"SOCIALIST" GROUP RECEIVED BACK OF HAND IN THIS  
FASHION, INCLUDING US, UK, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY, BEGLIUM,  
NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, FINLAND, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, USSR,  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND GDR, ALTHOUGH A FEW CONCES-  
SIONS EMERGED AFTER G-77 CAUCUSES. IMPRESSION IS OF  
EXTREME POSSESSIVENESS AND RESISTANCE, EVEN WHEN  
SUGGESTED CHANGES OR ADDITIONS WOULD IN NO WAY DAMAGE  
G-77 POSITION. SOCIALIST GROUP APPEARS AS UNHAPPY OVER  
THIS AS WEO'S, ALTHOUGH THIS DOUBTLESS WILL NOT BE  
REFLECTED IN THEIR VOTE.

4. WITH EXCEPTION OF A FEW VERY MINOR COSMETIC CHANGES,  
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G-77 GAVE NO GROUND IN MAKING NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO  
IMPLEMENTING NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, DECLARATION AND PRO-  
GRAM OF ACTION MORE PALATABLE TO WEO'S IN RECOGNITION  
OF THE REALITY OF MASSIVE RESERVATIONS. AMONG THOSE  
PROPOSING SUCH CHANGES WERE US, UK, FRG, FRANCE, CANADA,  
NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, ITALY, FINLAND, AUSTRALIA AND EVEN USSR,  
POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. (JAPAN WAS ALMOST TOTALLY SILENT  
ON THIS AND OTHER SCORES.) SINCE JULY 27 MEETINGS

(REFTEL A) THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION IN CONTACT GROUP OF "PACKAGE" INVOLVING PARA REFERRING TO RESERVATIONS, ALTHOUGH THIS CONTINUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS.

5. G-77 TENACIOUSLY RESISTED EFFORTS BY VIRTUALLY ALL WEO'S (INCLUDING US) TO AVOID PREMATURE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM OF ACTION AND ELIMINATE DUPLICATION BETWEEN THIS PROCESS AND MID-TERM REVIEW BY REFERRING IT TO 59TH RATHER THAN 58TH ECOSOC (REFTELS A AND D). ONLY CONCESSION WAS TO TERM CONSIDERATION BY 57TH AS "PRELIMINARY" TO THAT OF 58TH AND 29TH GA (PARAS A10 AND ALL, AS REPORTED REFTEL C), IN ADDITION TO LINKAGE TO MID-TERM REVIEW PROCESS PER SECTION B (REFTEL E).

6. HAVING SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE CIRCULATED A 15 PARA REDRAFT OF SECTION B (MID-TERM REVIEW) EMBODYING MUCH OF CONTENT OF US (TANK'S) ECONOMIC COMMITTEE STATEMENT OF JULY 12 (GENVA 4489), US ASKED FOR CONSIDERATION OF ELEVEN OF THESE BY CONTACT GROUP. TYPICALLY G-77 REACTION WAS AUTOMATIC NEGATIVE ON ALL POINTS ON GROUNDS THEY WERE EITHER ALREADY SUFFICIENTLY COVERED IN G-77 DRAFT OR UNACCEPTABLE. US THEN REDUCED THESE TO FOUR PROPOSALS COVERING (A) SUGGESTION THAT SYG ARRANGE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS IN EARLY PHASES MID-TERM REVIEW (SUPPORTED BY FRANCE, ITALY, FINLAND AND NETHERLANDS); (B) IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT RESPONSES BY COUNTRIES TO SYG'S REQUEST FOR DATA AND OF HELPING LDC'S IMPROVE DATA CAPACITY (SUPPORTED BY FRG); (C) REQUEST THAT SYG IN PREPARATION DOCUMENTATION FOR MID-TERM REVIEW TAKE ACCOUNT OF STATEMENTS AT 57TH ECOSOC, RELATE THE MORE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENTAL EXPERIENCES OF LDC'S, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUMMARIZE THE PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES OF 1975 (SUPPORTED BY FRG AND SWEDEN); AND (D) REQUEST THAT COMMITTEE OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING DEVELOP NEW CONCEPTS AND YARDSTICKS TO MEASURE ECONOMIC/SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND LIVING STANDARDS (SUPPORTED BY GDR AND NETHERLANDS). G-77 REJECTED ALL BUT (D), WHICH THEY FINALLY ACCEPTED IN REVISED FORM AFTER INITIAL RESISTANCE (SEE PARA B4, REPORTED REFTEL E).

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7. THREE ADDITIONAL PREAMBULAR PARAS (PARAS 3A, B AND C OF REFTEL F) REPRESENT G-77 REDRAFTS OF PROPOSALS BY SOCIALIST GROUP, NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN, RESPECTIVELY. ALTHOUGH THE FIRST AND LAST IN PARTICULAR BEAR LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO ORIGINAL PROPOSALS (WHICH G-77 REJECTED), ALL THREE WERE ACCEPTED BY ORIGINAL SPONSORS. SWEDEN NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION OVER DELETION OF PASSAGE "AND THAT THE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT REMAINS TO REDUCE THE GROSS INEQUITIES AMONG AND WITH COUNTRIES." U.S. SUPPORTED THIS PASSAGE.

(COMMENT: AGAIN, AS IN CASE U.S. PROPOSALS REFERRED TO ABOVE, G-77 SHOWED GREAT SENSITIVITY OVER ANYTHING THAT MIGHT REFLECT ON THEIR OWN PERFORMANCE. END COMMENT)

NETHERLANDS WAS COZIER WITH G-77 ON THEIR PROPOSAL, AS ON OTHER QUESTIONS. WEO (INCLUDING US) OBJECTIONS TO G-77 REDRAFT OF SOCIALIST GROUP PARA COVERED IN REFTEL G.

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8. WHEN SOCIALIST GROUP TWICE MADE THEIR ORIGINAL

PROPOSAL FOR PARA "BEARING IN MIND THAT PEACE AND SECURITY CONSTITUTE AN ESSENTIAL AND NECESSARY PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES", CHINESE TOOK OFF ON DIATRIBE THAT THIS WAS SHEER HYPOCRISY SINCE SUPERPOWERS WERE IN FACT ENGAGED IN INTERVENTION, AGGRESSION, PLUNDER, IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. SOCIALIST GROUP DID NOT REPLY IN KIND (NOR DID WE). CHINESE VOICED SUPPORT FOR G-77 ON SEVERAL CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, AND SEEMED TO ENJOY DOING SO PARTICULARLY WHEN THIS WAS IN DEFENSE AGAINST SOVIET AND/OR US POSITIONS.

9. JORDAN PROVIDED DIVERSION WHEN, REACTING TO REFERENCES TO "THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE 77" (PRE-EMPTORILY INSISTED ON BY BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR FRAZAO WITH RESPECT TO HIS MAN BRITO), IT INSISTED THAT ONLY SPOKESMAN FOR JORDAN WAS JORDANIAN REP. LATER JORDAN SPLIT WITH G-77 IN SUPPORTING A US PROPOSAL THAT G-77 OPPOSED. JORDAN WAS ONLY MEMBER OF G-77 TO BE SO BOLE IN CONTACT GROUP SESSIONS, ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THERE WERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BEHIND THE SCENES.DALE

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